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SUBJ: ANTI-CORRUPTION ACTION AGAINST SELANGOR CHIEF MINISTER;
SITUATION IN KL

REF: A) KL 6866; B) KL 6682

1. DURING TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH RELIABLE LOCAL JOURNALIST, PRIME MINISTER'S PRESS SECRETARY AHMAD MUSTAFFA STATED MORNING OF OCT 22 THAT WARRENT FOR CORRUPTION WOULD NOT BE SERVED ON POWERFUL SELANGOR CHIEF MINISTER DATUK HARUN IDRIS BEFORE MONDAY OR TUESDAY OF NEXT WEEK (NOV 24-25). AHMAD ALSO DENIED REPORTS OF A POSSIBLE CABINET SHAKE-UP THIS WEEKEND.

2. COMMENT. RUMORS HAVE BEEN SWIRLING AROUND KUALA LUMPUR NOT ONLY REGARDING HARUN'S ARREST AND THE PROSPECT THAT HIS UMNO YOUTH SUPPORTERS MIGHT TAKE TO THE STREETS, BUT ALSO OF MAJOR CABINET CHANGES INCLUDING RESIGNATION OF DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER
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HUSSEIN ONN. SOME SOURCES SPECULATE THESE RUMORS BEING SPREAD BY

HARUN SUPPORTERS TO INCREASE PRESSURE ON PM RAZAK TO BACK OFF ON
CORRUPTION CHARGE. NATIONAL POLICE HAVE BEEN ON ALERT SINCE
WEDNESDAY AND FULLY ARMED POLICE FIELD FORCE UNITS IN VEHICLES
ARE VISIBLE IN CITY STREETS AND COLLECTED AT STRATEGIC LOCATIONS
AROUND KL.
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